

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B.S.A.

DATE April 19, 1961

Full Name Forsterling, Benjamin C.

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 191 E. Maple

City Elkhart State Wisconsin

Age 39 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Nationality AMERICAN

Occupation Ex-Chief of Police - ELKHART LAKE, WISC.

Education HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Weight 184 Color WHITE Height 5'5"

Color of hair GRAY Color of eyes BLUE

Outstanding characteristics or interests - WEARS TINTED GLASSES

Married or single SINGLE Children

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date Reg'd.	Date resigned
Pk 12	Sheboygan	Wis.	Cub Scout	4/31	4/34
Tp 24	"	"	Scout	4/34	4/40
Tp 12	"	"	A.S.M.	4/40	4/43
Tp 12	"	"	S.M.	4/43	4/51
Special recognition	"	"	S.M.	4/51	4/61

Eagle Scout Badge, Scouters Key, Scoutmasters Key, Vigil Honor, Silver Beaver  
Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

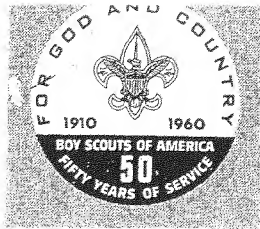
Signed

Scout Executive

5/5/61

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50 YEARS OF  
SCOUTING

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA KETTLE MORAINÉ COUNCIL - 632

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SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

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Scout Executive  
PAUL A. SALERNO

May 18, 1961

Mr. Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Basil:

In connection with the enclosed "Separation Notices Returned", we asked that Benjamin Forsterling be separated as an associate advisor of Explorer Post 24 and as scoutmaster of Troop 24 for the same reason that we requested that he be placed on our confidential file because of morals.

I am sure you would want to separate him even though his registration does not expire until January of 1962.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PAUL A. SALERNO,  
Scout Executive

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"I WILL DO MY BEST"  
TO  
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STRENGTHEN AMERICA—CHARACTER COUNTS

RECEIVED  
MAY 8 1961  
CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

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FOR INTRA-ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

LOCAL COUNCIL NO. 632

SUBJECT: Separation Notices Returned

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1. When a boy or an adult is transferred from one unit to another.
2. When an adult changes position within a unit or a council.
3. When a Scout or Explorer reaches 18 years of age, and is registered as an Assistant Scoutmaster or Associate Advisor.
4. When a member dies.

When a boy or adult pays a registration fee, he is entitled to membership until the expiration date indicated on the membership certificate.

Many times in moving from one state to another, or one community to another, a boy may not find a unit organized in his new community. Since his membership in the national organization is valid until his card expires, he should not be separated. The National office will automatically drop him when the unit expires.

We are, therefore, returning the attached separation notices to your council for the reasons checked below:

1. ☐ SEPARATED FOR REASONS OTHER THAN TRANSFER, DEATH, OR PROMOTION. These boys or adults should be reinstated on your records.
2. ☒ SOME SEPARATIONS ARE OKAY WHILE OTHERS ARE NOT. Return separation notices to us listing only those boys or adults who are legitimate separations. Others should be reinstated on your records.
3. ☐ REASONS FOR SEPARATION OMITTED. Return separation notice to us listing only those boys or adults who are legitimate separations, giving reasons for same. Others should be reinstated on your records.
4. ☐ SEPARATED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION OF UNIT. These boys or adults were automatically separated. Retain these notices in your files. Do Not Send to National Office.

Your cooperation in sending separation notices only for boys or adults who can be separated legitimately during the charter year will eliminate the necessity for our returning these notices and the added work that this involves.

Basil F. Starkey  
Registration Service

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# SEPARATION NOTICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL

E. DOHN

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
REGION NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT NO.	POST
7	632	1	2024

POST (Type of unit) *	Local No. 24	Date 4-17-61
City BIKHART LAKE	County SHEBOYGAN	State WIS.
Council KETTLE MORaine	District KETTLES NORTHWEST	
EXPIRATION DATE OF UNIT	JANUARY 1962	

\* Indicate pack, troop, post, squadron, or ship.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LOCAL COUNCIL

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BOYS' NAMES	Show last registration by "C" for Cub Scout, "S" for Boy Scout, "E" for Explorer.	WHY DID THE BOY LEAVE THE UNIT? If he transferred or graduated to another unit, indicate type of unit and number, and city and state. Give specific reason for separation.
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ADULTS' NAMES	In what position was he registered?	Paid in this position?	Reason for separation.
1 BENJAMIN FORSTER, INC.	ASSOC. ADVISOR	NO	ILL HEALTH
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Approved: *Paul A. Salmer* Scout Executive

FRANK THIERMANN (Unit Leader)

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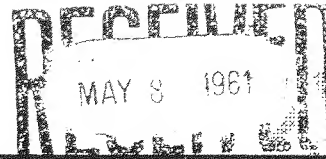
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Basil F. Starkey  
Registration Service

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# SEPARATION NOTICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL

C. COHN APR 26 1961

TROOP				FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Local No. <u>24</u>		Date <u>4-17-61</u>		REGION NO.	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT NO.	TROOP
City <u>EIKHART LAKE</u>		County <u>SHEBOYGAN</u> State <u>WIS.</u>					Type of unit
Council <u>KETTIE MORaine</u>		District <u>KETTIES NORTHWEST</u>					NATIONAL NO.
EXPIRATION DATE OF UNIT <u>JANUARY 1962</u>				<u>7</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>24</u>

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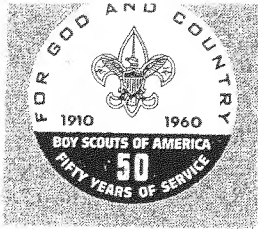
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1 BENJAMIN FORSTERLING	SCOUTMASTER	YES	ILL HEALTH
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Approved <u>Paul M. Salerni</u> Scout Executive	GENE GARTMANN <u>BENJAMIN FORSTERLING</u> (Unit Leader)
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May 18, 1961

Mr. Basil Starkey, Director  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Basil:

As you will note from the attached list of Veteran Awards presented at our council annual meeting last week, only the men whose name is preceded by an asterisk received a letter of congratulations from the chief scout executive. All of the others did not.

I am sure you would want me to call this to your attention.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PAUL A. SALERNO,  
Scout Executive

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Enc.

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KETTLE-MORaine COUNCIL  
Boy Scouts of America  
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## VETERAN AWARDS

### 10 YEAR AWARDS

Edward F. Bloomer	Randolph F. Piper
Wallace H. Clanderman	John H. Richardson
Corwin H. Miser	L. Erik Torrison
Everett Nametz	Clarence J. Weber

### 15 YEAR AWARDS

Melvin W. Dederling	Robert E. Miller
Kenneth C. DeSombre	J. A. Sampson
Jack Gort	Joseph Schmidt
Norbert Helfert, Jr.	Eugene M. Thieleke

### 20 YEAR AWARDS

Alfred J. Baumann	Dr. Harry H. Heiden
Arthur Fellows	Ligar C. Olsen
Carl Gierke	Theodore O. Thompson

### 25 YEAR AWARDS

* George M. Adams	* Clarence A. La Du
* Richard Ballschmider	* Kenneth L. Larson
* Howard Buchanan	* Walter W. Nelesen
* Edmund R. Knauf	

### 30 YEAR AWARDS

Marvin Busse  
Bernard Holman  
Ernest C. Keppler  
Leroy L. Metscher  
Jean C. Vollrath

### 35 YEAR AWARDS

Elmer J. Fochs  
Paul A. Salerno  
Oscar T. Schmidt  
Robert L. Testwuide  
Joseph W. Wilkus  
Harvey J. Weisse

### 40 YEAR AWARDS

\* Lyman C. Conger  
\* Arthur P. Hiltgen

\* Letters from Chief Scout Executive received

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April 19, 1961

Mr. Paul A. Salerno, Scout Executive  
Kettle Moraine Council, No. 632  
P. O. Box 286 - 1015 Erie Avenue  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Basil P. Sterkey  
Scoutmaster, Troop 24

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for the information concerning Mr. Forsterling. We have placed this in our file and have completed the confidential record sheet as much as we can from the description provided in your letter. Please finish the other items and return it to us as soon as possible.

Your letter is sufficient, but we like to have as much information as possible so that we may back up our refusal for registration. If the Sheriff's office is willing, we would like to have copies of statements made by the boys. You can assure the Sheriff's office that these are kept under lock and key, shared with no one and are never used except to provide sufficient data for future decisions.

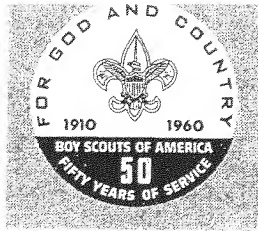
Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil P. Sterkey  
Director of Registration

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April 17, 1961

Mr. Delmer H. Wilson, Director  
Division of Personnel  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Skipper:

Please place the name of Benjamin C. Forsterling, Scoutmaster of Troop 24, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, in our confidential file at once.

The Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department has found him guilty of having abnormal relations with a number of boys.

This has been substantiated by a lie detector test which Mr. Forsterling underwent in Madison, Wisconsin, by detailed statements from several boys and by a psychiatrist who is treating him.

The ironic part of it is that he has established a record as instructor for the American Red Cross for many years, has served as Chief of Police of Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin and has been in Scouting since April 1931.

In order for you to have a complete file on him, we have summarized his record in Scouting which is as follows:

1. Service Record  
April 1931-April 1934 Pack 12 Sheboygan, Wis. Cub Scout  
April 1934-April 1940 Troop 24 Sheboygan, Wis. Scout  
April 1940-April 1943 Troop 12 Sheboygan, Wis. A.S.M.  
April 1943-April 1951 Troop 12 Sheboygan, Wis. Scoutmaster  
April 1951-April 1961 Troop 24 Elkhart Lake, Wis. Scoutmaster

2. Date of Birth - April 8, 1922

3. Age - 39

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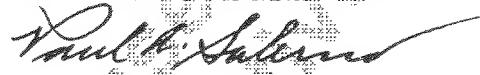
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4. Awards Received:

- a. Eagle Scout Badge - July 15, 1944
- b. Scouters Key - February 7, 1945
- c. Scoutmasters Key - April 29, 1948
- d. Vigil Honor in Order of the Arrow
- e. Silver Beaver - May 1959.

Sincerely yours,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



PAUL A. SALERNO,  
Scout Executive

PAS/c

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Mr. Paul A. Salerno  
Scout Executive  
Kettle Moraine Council, No. 632

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Mr. Benjamin C. Forsterling

Dear Paul:

I'll cover two subjects in this note.

First. Veteran letters are sent to 25, 40, and 50 year men only.

Second. We separated Mr. Forsterling when we received the information in April. It is not necessary for your office to send in a notice in these cases. Incidentally, these were returned because "ill health" is not one of the reasons for separation.

Sincerely yours,  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration

BFS:jbw

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